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TAGS: PLO, MOPS, LE
SUBJECT: HABASH AND ARAFAT AT RALLY

1. REJECTIONIST LEADER GEORGES HABASH AND PLO CHIEF YASIR ARAFAT APPEARED TOGETHER AT A PUBLIC RALLY MARKING "LAND DAY" IN BEIRUT ON MARCH 30. AS REPORTED IN BEIRUT PRESS, HABASH REJECTED A CEASE-FIRE IN SOUTH LEBANON, BUT ARAFAT APPARENTLY DID NOT ADDRESS THE ISSUE.

2. ACCORDING TO IKE, HABASH TOLD THE CROWD THAT, "WE TELL UNIFIL THAT THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION CANNOT POSSIBLY RECOGNIZE ANY-THING CALLED A CEASE-FIRE." HABASH, THE HEAD OF THE PFLP, ALSO SAID THAT:

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A. UNIFIL WOULD BE USED AS A PRETEXT TO "CRUSH THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION."

B. SYRIA WAS BEING PRESSURED TO NEUTRALIZE THE PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS IN LEBANON. SYRIA WOULD BE "THE NEXT TARGET" IF IT SUCCUMBED TO THIS PRESSURE.

3. HINTING AT PROBLEMS WITH THE LEBANESE LEFTISTS,
HE URGED THE PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT TO CONSOLIDATE ITS
ALLIANCE WITH THE LATTER.

4. REFLECTING CONTINUED DISAGREEMENTS WITHIN THE PLO,
HABASH SAID: "THE CURRENT PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP IS
CALLED UPON AT THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT TO ENTER INTO
SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH ALL RESISTANCE GROUPS TO HELP
BUILD GENUINE PALESTINIAN UNITY ON A SOLID FOUNDATION.
I AM ASHAMED TO ADMIT THAT WE SHOULD CONDUCT FATEFUL
BATTLE DECISIONS FROM EIGHT SEPARATE OPERATIONS ROOMS."

5. RIGHTIST AL AMAL REPORTED THAT PFLP SPOKESMAN
BASAM ABU SHARIF HAD RELEASED A PRESS STATEMENT ON MARCH 30
SAYING THAT HIS ORGANIZATION WOULD STRIKE AT ANYONE WHO PUT
AN OBSTACLE BETWEEN THE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE AND
ISRAEL. THE STATEMENT REPORTEDLY EXPLAINED, "WE WILL
NOT PERMIT THE UN OR THE ARAB LEAGUE TO PUT AN OBSTACLE
BETWEEN US AND THE ENEMY."

6. ARAFAT SPOKE ONLY BRIEFLY. AS REPORTED IN L'ORIENT-
LE JOUR, ARAFAT CALLED THE FRENCH SOLDIERS HERE
"GENDARMES OF IMPERIALISM," BUT APPARENTLY MADE NO
REFERENCE TO A CEASE-FIRE. HE ALSO STRESSED THAT THE
LATEST CONFLICT IN SOUTH LEBANON WAS A GREAT VICTORY FOR
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JOINT FORCES (PALESTINIANS AND LEBANESE LEFTISTS).
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